

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Children and Family Services Economic Stability

Strategies to Empower People (STEP) Program (LAC 67:III.5721)

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), Economic Stability, has exercised the emergency provision of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B) to amend LAC 67:III, Subpart 16 Strategies to Empower People (STEP) Program, Chapter 57 Strategies to Empower People (STEP) Program, §5721 Job Readiness. This declaration is necessary to extend the original Emergency Rule since it is effective for a maximum of 120 days and will expire before the final Rule takes effect. This Emergency Rule extension is effective on October 28, 2015 and will remain in effect until the final Rule becomes effective.

Pursuant to Louisiana's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Block Grant, amendment of §5721 is necessary to give the department more flexibility in operating the STEP program by eliminating the work-eligible FITAP applicant requirement of registering for work during the application period and prior to certification with Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC). Work-eligible FITAP recipients will register for work when participating in Job Readiness activities. The proposed Rule does not eliminate any work requirements as specified by law. Work activity requirements including job readiness activities are included in §5713, Work Activities.

The department considers emergency action necessary to facilitate the expenditure of TANF funds. The authorization to promulgate emergency rules to facilitate the expenditure of TANF funds is contained in Act 15 of the 2014 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

Title 67

SOCIAL SERVICES

Part III. Economic Stability

Subpart 16. Strategies to Empower People (STEP) Program

Chapter 57. Strategies to Empower People (STEP) Program

Subchapter C. STEP Program Process

§5721. Job Readiness

A. DCFS will ensure job readiness services are provided through other state partners or through performance-based contracts.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with P.L. 104-193, R.S. 46:231, R.S. 46:460, and Act 285, 2013 Reg. Session.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Social Services, Office of Family Support, LR 30:499 (March 2004), amended by the Department of Children and Family Services, Economic Stability Section, LR 40:1678 (September 2014), LR 41:

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